

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: No, they are all in.

THE PRESIDENT: The difficulty that the Chair had with respect to the parliamentary question arises out of the combination of the enabling act requiring an absolute majority on every article or division and the requirement of our rule that each article be submitted separately. The Chair felt that in all probability the procedure followed with respect to Article 6 having the two separate votes and not resubmitting the entire article to a vote was proper. The Parliamentarian feels very strongly that it was proper, but because the question is one of such vital importance and we do not want any question to be raised as to the legality of adoption, the Chair proposes to submit it to you for another vote so that it will be beyond question the adoption of all of Article 6 including all sections, section 6.01 to 6.17 inclusive.

Before doing that, so that we will know delegates are present, we will first have a quorum call. Please answer quorum call.

Has every delegate answered quorum call?

Very well, the Clerk will record the quorum call.

125 delegates are present.

To remove any possible doubt, although the Chair does not believe that this vote is really necessary, the Chair will submit to you for adoption on third and final reading all of Article 6 comprising section 6.01 to 6.17 inclusive.

A vote Aye is a vote in favor of the article. A vote No is a vote against.

A vote in favor of the adoption of the article on third and final reading. A vote No is a vote against.

Cast your vote.

*(Whereupon, a roll call vote was taken.)*

THE PRESIDENT: Has every delegate voted? Does any delegate desire to change his vote?

*(There was no response.)*

The Clerk will record the vote.

There being 107 votes in the affirmative and 13 in the negative, the motion is carried and all of Article 6 comprising sections 6.01 to 6.17 are adopted on final reading.

There is a division as to section 9.01 and 9.07 which has been called for. The Chair

rules that the sections are divisible. Are there any other divisions as to section 9 called for? The Chair will first submit section 9.01 and then section 9.07 and then submit the remainder of the article.

The question now arises on the adoption of section 9.01 on third and final reading.

Is there any discussion?

*(Call for the question.)*

THE PRESIDENT: Are you ready for the question?

Delegate Sollins.

DELEGATE SOLLINS: Mr. President, I asked for this division on this question because I feel that this oath is not a necessary and general part of this constitution. It is not necessary to have before the voters if we are going to do what we have accomplished so far up to this time. There has been considerable doubt expressed as to the legality and constitutionality of this oath as it is drafted in section 9.01. If it is offensive to one responsible person in our Maryland community, if it will be embarrassing to one Maryland person in our community, then I find it offensive, and I suggest we leave it out.

THE PRESIDENT: Are you ready for the question?

*(Call for the question.)*

THE PRESIDENT: The question arises on the adoption of section 9.01 or third and final reading. The Clerk will ring the quorum bell?

The question arises on the adoption of section 9.01 on third and final reading. A vote Aye is a vote in favor of the adoption of section 9.01. A vote No is a vote against.

Cast your vote.

*(Whereupon, a roll call vote was taken.)*

THE PRESIDENT: Has every delegate voted?

Does any delegate desire to change his vote?

*(There was no response.)*

The Clerk will record the vote.

There being 95 votes in the affirmative and 21 in the negative, the motion is carried.

Section 9.01 is adopted on third and final reading.